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27 July–14 August 2015
Item 1 of the provisional agenda
**Adoption of the agenda**

## Annotated provisional agenda

### Provisional agenda

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### Annotations

**1. Adoption of the agenda**

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except when the election of officers is required under rule 16. Under this item, the Committee will adopt the agenda for the session.

In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the present provisional agenda has been prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chair of the Committee. In accordance with rule 9 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda during the session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

**2. Organizational and other matters**

The fifty-fifth session of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in Palais Wilson, from 27 July to 14 August 2015, and will be opened by a representative of the Secretary-General. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 27 July, at 10 a.m.

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Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment that the meetings should be held in private.

The Committee will consider its programme of work for the session, as well as its working methods, its draft general comments and any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

### 3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

States parties to the Convention As at 25 May 2015, there were 158 States parties to the Convention. South Sudan acceded to the Convention on 30 April 2015.

Reports received

In addition to the reports scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-fifth session, as at 25 May 2015 the Secretary-General had received the following reports, which are pending consideration:

| *Reporting State party* | *Symbol* |
|---|---|
| Austria | CAT/C/AUT/6 |
| Azerbaijan | CAT/C/AZE/4 |
| China[a] | CAT/C/CHN/5 |
| Hong Kong, China[a] | CAT/C/CHN-HKG/5 |
| Macao, China[a] | CAT/C/CHN-MAC/5 |
| Denmark | CAT/C/DNK/6-7 |
| France[a] | CAT/C/FRA/7 |
| Israel | CAT/C/ISR/5 |
| Jordan | CAT/C/JOR/3 |
| Liechtenstein | CAT/C/LIE/4 |
| Mongolia[a] | CAT/C/MNG/2 |
| Philippines | CAT/C/PHL/3 |
| Saudi Arabia[a] | CAT/C/SAU/2 |
| Tunisia[b] | CAT/C/TUN/3 and Add.1 |
| Turkey | CAT/C/TUR/4 |

[a] The State party did not follow the simplified reporting procedure.

[b] The State party submitted an addendum containing an update to its report.

**Initial reports**

The status of initial reports as at 25 May 2015 was as follows:

| | *Initial reports* | |
|---|---|---|
| *State party (since)* | *Overdue since* | *Due received* |
| Antigua and Barbuda (1993) | 17 August 1994 | - |
| Bangladesh (1998) | 4 November 1999 | - |

| *Initial reports* | | |
|---|---|---|
| *State party (since)* | *Overdue since* | *Due received* |
| Botswana (2000) | 7 October 2001 | - |
| Cape Verde (1992) | 3 July 1993 | - |
| Côte d'Ivoire (1995) | 16 January 1997 | - |
| Dominican Republic (2012) | 23 February 2013 | - |
| Equatorial Guinea (2002) | 6 November 2003 | - |
| Eritrea (2014) | - | 25 October 2015 |
| Guinea-Bissau (2013) | 24 October 2014 | |
| Iraq (2011) | - | Received on 30 June 2014 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic (2012) | 26 October 2013 | - |
| Lebanon (2000) | 3 November 2001 | - |
| Lesotho (2001) | 11 December 2002 | - |
| Liberia (2004) | 22 October 2005 | - |
| Malawi (1996) | 10 July 1997 | - |
| Maldives (2004) | 20 May 2005 | - |
| Mali (1999) | 27 March 2000 | - |
| Nauru (2012) | 26 October 2013 | - |
| Niger (1998) | 3 November 1999 | - |
| Nigeria (2001) | 28 June 2002 | - |
| Pakistan (2010) | 23 July 2011 | - |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2001) | 30 August 2002 | - |
| San Marino (2006) | 27 December 2007 | - |
| Seychelles (1992) | 3 June 1993 | - |
| Somalia (1990) | 22 February 1991 | |
| South Sudan (2015) | - | 30 April 2016 |
| State of Palestine (2014) | 2 May 2015 | - |
| Swaziland (2004) | 25 April 2005 | - |
| Timor-Leste (2003) | 16 May 2004 | - |
| United Arab Emirates (2012) | 19 August 2013 | - |
| Vanuatu (2011) | 11 August 2012 | - |
| Viet Nam (2015) | - | 5 March 2016 |

**Periodic reports**

The status of periodic reports as at 25 May 2015 was as follows:

| | *Periodic reports* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *State party (since)* | *Last report examined (date of examination)* | *Report overdue (since)* | *Report due received (date due or received)* |
| Afghanistan[a] (1987) | Initial (November 1992) | Second (25 June 1996) | - |
| Albania (1994) | Second (May 2012) | - | Third (1 June 2016) |
| Algeria (1989) | Third (May 2008) | Fourth (20 June 2012) | - |
| Andorra (2006) | Initial (November 2013) | - | Second (22 November 2017) |
| Argentina[a] (1986) | Fourth (November 2004) | Fifth and sixth (25 June 2008) | - |
| Armenia[a] (1993) | Third (May 2012) | - | Fourth (1 June 2016) |
| Australia[a] (1989) | Fourth and fifth (November 2014) | - | Sixth (Due on 28 November 2018) |
| Austria[a] (1987) | Fourth and fifth (May 2010) | - | Sixth (Received on 22 July 2014) |
| Azerbaijan[a] (1996) | Third (November 2009) | - | Fourth (Received on 22 September 2014) |
| Bahrain (1998) | Initial (May 2005) | Second (4 April 2007) | - |
| Belarus[a] (1987) | Fourth (November 2011) | - | Fifth (25 November 2015) |
| Belgium[a] (1999) | Third (November 2013) | - | Fourth (22 November 2017) |
| Belize[a] (1986) | Initial (November 1993) | Initial and second (25 June 1996) | - |
| Benin[a] (1992) | Second (November 2007) | Third (30 December 2011) | - |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (1999) | Second (May 2013) | - | Third (31 May 2017) |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina[a] (1993) | Second to fifth (November 2010) | Sixth (19 November 2014) | - |
| Brazil[a] (1989) | Initial (May 2001) | Second (27 October 2002) | - |
| Bulgaria[a] (1986) | Fourth and fifth (November 2011) | - | Sixth (25 November 2015) |

| | Periodic reports | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *State party (since)* | *Last report examined (date of examination)* | *Report overdue (since)* | *Report due received (date due or received)* |
| Burkina Faso (1999) | Initial (November 2013) | - | Second (22 November 2017) |
| Burundi (1993) | Second (November 2014) | - | Third (Due on 28 November 2018) |
| Cambodia[a] (1992) | Second (November 2010) | Third (19 November 2014 | - |
| Cameroon[a] (1986) | Fourth (May 2010) | Fifth (14 May 2014) | - |
| Canada[a] (1987) | Sixth (May 2012) | - | Seventh (1 June 2016) |
| Chad[a] (1992) | Initial (May 2009) | Second (15 May 2012) | - |
| Chile[a] (1988) | Fifth (May 2009) | Sixth (15 May 2013) | - |
| China (including Hong Kong, China, and Macao, China) (1988) | Fourth (November 2008) | - | Fifth (Received on 20 June 2013) |
| Colombia[a] (1987) | Fifth (May 2015) | - | Sixth (5 May 2019) |
| Congo (2003) | Initial (May 2015) | - | Second (15 May 2019) |
| Costa Rica[a] (1993) | Second (May 2008) | Third (30 June 2012) | - |
| Croatia[a] (1992) | Fourth and fifth (November 2014) | - | Sixth (28 November 2018) |
| Cuba (1995) | Second (May 2012) | - | Third (1 June 2016) |
| Cyprus[a] (1991) | Fourth (May 2014) | - | Fifth (23 May 2018) |
| Czech Republic[a] (1993) | Fourth and fifth (May 2012) | - | Sixth (1 June 2016) |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo (1996) | Initial (November 2005) | Second to fourth (16 April 2009) | - |
| Denmark[a] (1987) | Fifth (May 2007) | - | Sixth and seventh (Received on 23 September 2014) |
| Djibouti (2002) | Initial (November 2011) | - | Second (25 November 2015) |
| Ecuador[a] (1988) | Fourth to sixth (November 2010) | Seventh (19 November 2014) | - |

| | Periodic reports | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *State party (since)* | *Last report examined (date of examination)* | *Report overdue (since)* | *Report due received (date due or received)* |
| Egypt (1986) | Fourth (November 2002) | Fifth 25 June 2004) | - |
| El Salvador[a] (1996) | Second (November 2009) | Third (20 November 2013) | - |
| Estonia[a] (1991) | Fifth (May 2013) | - | Sixth (31 May 2017) |
| Ethiopia (1994) | Initial (November 2010) | Second (19 November 2014) | - |
| Finland[a] (1989) | Fifth and sixth (May 2011) | - | Seventh (3 June 2015) |
| France (1986) | Fourth to sixth (May 2010) | - | Seventh (Received on 5 March 2015) |
| Gabon[a] (2000) | Initial (November 2012) | - | Second (23 November 2016) |
| Georgia[a] (1994) | Third (May 2006) | Fourth and fifth (24 November 2011) | - |
| Germany[a] (1990) | Fifth (November 2011) | - | Sixth (25 November 2015) |
| Ghana[a] (2000) | Initial (May 2011) | - | Second (3 June 2015) |
| Greece[a] (1988) | Fifth and sixth (May 2012) | - | Seventh (1 June 2016) |
| Guatemala[a] (1990) | Fifth and sixth (May 2013) | - | Seventh (31 May 2017) |
| Guinea (1989) | Initial (May 2014) | - | Second (23 May 2018) |
| Guyana[a] (1988) | Initial (November 2006) | Second (31 December 2008) | - |
| Holy See (2002) | Initial (May 2014) | - | Second (23 May 2018) |
| Honduras[a] (1996) | Initial (May 2009) | - | Second Received (8 May 2015) |
| Hungary[a] (1987) | Fourth (November 2006) | Fifth and sixth (31 December 2010) | - |
| Iceland[a] (1996) | Third (May 2008) | Fourth (30 June 2012) | - |
| Indonesia (1998) | Second (May 2008) | Third (30 June 2012) | - |
| Ireland[a] (2002) | Initial (May 2011) | - | Second (3 June 2015) |

| | Periodic reports | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *State party (since)* | *Last report examined (date of examination)* | *Report overdue (since)* | *Report due received (date due or received)* |
| Israel[a] (1991) | Fourth (May 2009) | - | Fifth (Received on 17 November 2014) |
| Italy[a] (1989) | Fourth and fifth (May 2007) | Sixth (30 June 2011) | - |
| Japan[a] (1999) | Second (May 2013) | - | Third (31 May 2017) |
| Jordan[a] (1991) | Second (May 2010) | - | Third (Received on 3 July 2014) |
| Kazakhstan (1998) | Third (November 2014) | - | Fourth (Due on 28 November 2018) |
| Kenya[a] (1997) | Second (May 2013) | - | Third (31 May 2017) |
| Kuwait[a] (1996) | Second (May 2011) | - | Third (3 June 2015) |
| Kyrgyzstan[a] (1997) | Second (November 2013) | - | Third (23 November 2017) |
| Latvia[a] (1992) | Third to fifth (November 2013) | - | Sixth (22 November 2017) |
| Libya[a] (1989) | Third (May 1999) | Fourth (14 June 2002) | - |
| Liechtenstein[a] (1990) | Third (May 2010) | - | Fourth (Received on 29 September 2014) |
| Lithuania[a] (1996) | Third (May 2014) | - | Fourth (23 May 2018) |
| Luxembourg[a] (1987) | Sixth and seventh (May 2015) | - | Seventh (15 May 2019) |
| Madagascar (2005) | Initial (November 2011) | - | Second (25 November 2015) |
| Malta[a] (1990) | Second (November 1999) | Third (12 December 2000) | - |
| Mauritania | Initial (May 2013) | - | Second (31 May 2017) |
| Mauritius[a] (1992) | Third (May 2011) | - | Fourth (3 June 2015) |
| Mexico[a] (1986) | Fifth and sixth (November 2012) | - | Seventh (23 November 2016) |
| Monaco[a] (1991) | Fourth and fifth (May 2011) | - | Sixth (3 June 2015) |

| | Periodic reports | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *State party (since)* | *Last report examined (date of examination)* | *Report overdue (since)* | *Report due received (date due or received)* |
| Mongolia[a] (2002) | Initial (November 2010) | - | Second (Received on 29 March 2015) |
| Montenegro[a] (2006) | Second (May 2014) | - | Third (23 May 2018) |
| Morocco[a] (1993) | Fourth (November 2011) | - | Fifth (25 November 2015) |
| Mozambique (1999) | Initial (November 2013) | - | Second (22 November 2017) |
| Namibia (1994) | Initial (May 1997) | Second (27 December 1999) | - |
| Nepal (1991) | Second (November 2005) | Third to fifth (12 June 2008) | - |
| Netherlands[a] (1988) | Sixth (May 2013) | - | Seventh (31 May 2017) |
| New Zealand[a] (1989) | Sixth (May 2015) | - | Seventh (15 May 2019) |
| Nicaragua (2005) | Initial (May 2009) | Second (15 May 2013) | - |
| Norway[a] (1986) | Sixth and seventh (November 2012) | - | Eighth (23 November 2016) |
| Panama (1987) | Third (May 1998) | Fourth (27 September 2000) | - |
| Paraguay[a] (1990) | Fourth to sixth (November 2011) | - | Seventh (25 November 2015) |
| Peru[a] (1988) | Fifth and sixth (November 2012) | - | Seventh (23 November 2016) |
| Philippines[a] (1986) | Second (May 2009) | - | Third (Received on 25 November 2014) |
| Poland[a] (1989) | Fifth and sixth (November 2013) | - | Seventh (22 November 2017) |
| Portugal[a] (1989) | Fifth and sixth (November 2013) | - | Seventh (22 November 2017) |
| Qatar[a] (2000) | Second (November 2012) | - | Third (23 November 2016) |
| Republic of Korea[a] (1995) | Second (May 2006) | Third to fifth (7 February 2012) | - |
| Republic of Moldova[a] (1995) | Second (November 2009) | Third (20 November 2013) | - |
| Romania[a] (1990) | Second (May 2015) | - | Third (15 May 2019) |

| | Periodic reports | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *State party (since)* | *Last report examined (date of examination)* | *Report overdue (since)* | *Report due received (date due or received)* |
| Russian Federation[a] (1987) | Fifth (November 2012) | - | Sixth (23 November 2016) |
| Rwanda (2008) | Initial (May 2012) | - | Second (1 June 2016) |
| Saudi Arabia (1997) | Initial (May 2002) | - | Second (Received on 8 January 2015) |
| Senegal[a] (1986) | Third (November 2012) | - | Fourth (23 November 2016) |
| Serbia[a] (2001) | Second (May 2015) | - | Third (15 May 2019) |
| Sierra Leone (2001) | Initial (May 2014) | - | Second (23 May 2018) |
| Slovakia[a] (1993) | Second (November 2009) | - | Third (Received on 18 November 2013) |
| Slovenia[a] (1993) | Third (May 2011) | - | Fourth (3 June 2015) |
| South Africa (1998) | Initial (November 2006) | Second (31 December 2009) | - |
| Spain[a] (1987) | Sixth (May 2015) | - | Seventh (15 May 2019) |
| Sri Lanka (1994) | Third and fourth (November 2011) | - | Fifth (25 November 2015) |
| Sweden[a] (1986) | Sixth and seventh (November 2014) | - | Eighth (Due on 28 November 2018) |
| Switzerland[a] (1986) | Fifth and sixth (May 2010) | - | Seventh (Received on 27 June 2014) |
| Syrian Arab Republic (2004) | Initial (May 2010) | Second (14 May 2014) | - |
| Tajikistan (1995) | Second (November 2012) | - | Third (23 November 2016) |
| Thailand (2007) | Initial (May 2014) | - | Second (23 May 2018) |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia[a] (1994) | Third (May 2015) | - | Fourth (15 May 2019) |
| Togo[a] (1987) | Second (November 2012) | - | Third (23 November 2016) |

| | Periodic reports | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *State party (since)* | *Last report examined (date of examination)* | *Report overdue (since)* | *Report due received (date due or received)* |
| Tunisia (1988)[a, b] | Second (November 1998) | - | Third (Received on 16 November 2009 and 2 October 2014) |
| Turkey[a] (1988) | Third (November 2010) | - | Fourth (Received on 29 September 2014) |
| Turkmenistan (1999) | Initial (May 2011) | - | Second (3 June 2015) |
| Uganda[a] (1986) | Initial (May 2005) | Second (25 June 2008) | - |
| Ukraine[a] (1987) | Sixth (November 2014) | - | Seventh (Due on 28 November 2018) |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1988) | Fifth (May 2013) | - | Sixth (31 May 2017) |
| United States of America[a] (1994) | Third to fifth (November 2014) | - | Sixth (Due on 28 November 2018) |
| Uruguay[a] (1986) | Third (May 2014) | - | Fourth (23 May 2018) |
| Uzbekistan (1995) | Fourth (November 2013) | - | Fifth (23 November 2017) |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (1991) | Third and fourth (November 2014) | - | Fifth (Due on 28 November 2018) |
| Yemen[a] (1991) | Second (May 2010) | Third (14 May 2014) | - |
| Zambia[a] (1998) | Second (May 2008) | Third (30 June 2012) | - |

[a] The State party did not follow the simplified reporting procedure.

[b] The State party submitted an addendum containing an update to its report.

## 5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

The attention of the States parties is drawn to the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports set out below. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

| *Date and start time of meeting* | *Report* | *Symbol* |
|---|---|---|
| Tuesday, 28 July | Slovakia: third periodic report | CAT/C/SVK/3 |

| *Date and start time of meeting* | *Report* | *Symbol* |
|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m. | | |
| Wednesday, 29 July | | |
| 10 a.m. | Iraq: initial report | CAT/C/IRQ/1 |
| 3 p.m. | Slovakia: replies | |
| Thursday, 30 July | Iraq: replies | |
| 3 p.m. | | |
| Monday, 3 August | | |
| 10 a.m. | Switzerland: seventh periodic report | CAT/C/CHE/7 |
| Tuesday, 4 August | | |
| 3 p.m. | Switzerland: replies | |

**6. Consideration of information submitted under article 20 of the Convention**

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider information that has been, or appears to have been, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20 (5) of the Convention and rules 78 and 79 of the rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its functions under article 20 of the Convention are confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article are closed.

**7. Consideration of communications submitted under article 22 of the Convention**

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XXI of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider communications that have been, or appear to have been, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention.

In accordance with article 22 (6) of the Convention and rule 107, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined are closed.